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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) A method of assembling a refrigerator cabinet including a shell having first and second laterally spaced upstanding side walls interconnected by a top wall with each of the top and side walls including an in-turned flange that defines respective liner receiving cavities comprising:

attaching a base member between the upstanding side walls;

mounting a mullion bar to divide the shell into first and second liner receiving portions;

flex loading a first liner having a plurality of peripheral rim portions that define a corresponding plurality of outwardly projecting edge portions such that at least two sides of the first liner are flexed to enable at least two of the plurality of ~~peripheral rim~~ outwardly projecting edge portions to be received into respective ones of the liner receiving cavities, while another one of the plurality of peripheral rim portions extends along a first mullion land;

flex loading a second liner having a plurality of peripheral rim portions that define a corresponding plurality of outwardly projecting edge portions such that at least two sides of the second liner are flexed to enable at least two of the ~~peripheral rim~~ plurality of outwardly projecting edge portions to be received into respective ones of the liner receiving cavities, while another one of the peripheral rim portions extends along a second mullion land; and

mounting a mullion cover such that a portion of the mullion cover extends over the first and second mullion lands and the another ones of the peripheral rim portions.

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28. (original) The method of claim 27, further comprising: mounting the mullion bar to the shell through a pair of attachment brackets.

29. (original) The method of claim 28, further comprising: creating a gap between the shell and the mullion bar and positioning at least one end portion of the mullion cover therein.

30. (original) The method of claim 28, further comprising: reinforcing the mullion bar with a reinforcing brace secured to a rear surface portion of the mullion bar.

31. (original) The method of claim 30, further comprising: positioning a spacer element behind a front face portion of the shell and interconnecting the reinforcing brace and the spacer element with a bridge member.

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 27, further comprising: positioning a further one of the ~~peripheral rim~~ outwardly projecting edge portions of the second liner along a first recessed ledge portion of the base member.

33. (currently amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising: arranging a base cover against a second recessed ledge portion of the base member, with the base cover extending over the further one of the ~~peripheral rim~~ outwardly projecting edge portions of the second liner and along the base member.

34. (original) The method of claim 27, further comprising: mounting the base member through a pair of attachment brackets interconnecting the base member with the upstanding side walls.

35. (original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:
creating a gap between the shell and the base member; and positioning an end portion of a base cover in the gap.

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36. (original) The method of claim 35, further comprising: reinforcing the base member with a reinforcing brace secured to a rear surface portion of the base member.

37. (original) The method of claim 36, further comprising: positioning a spacer along an inside front edge portion of the shell and interconnecting the reinforcing brace with the spacer through a bridge member.

38. (original) The method of claim 27, further comprising: interconnecting the mullion bar between the upstanding side walls of the shell at a position spaced above and substantially parallel to the base member.